

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 936 - SB 974

March 6, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that any four-year public or private institution of higher education be certified by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration prior to conducting clinical research on the use of cannabis oil containing less than six tenths of one percent, to treat intractable seizures, cancer, or other diseases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 936 of 2014 exempted cannabis oil containing less than 0.9 percent tetrahydrocannabinol from the definition of “marijuana” under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-402(16) when the oil is manufactured, processed, transferred, dispensed, or possessed by a four-year public institution of higher education located in Putnam County as part of a clinical research study on the treatment of intractable seizures.
- Public Chapter 936 is currently set to expire on June 30, 2018.
- The bill effectively broadens the exemption in Public Chapter 936 to include all four-year public and private institutions of higher education, but restricts such research to oil containing less than 0.6 percent of tetrahydrocannabinol .
- The fiscal note for Public Chapter 936 estimated the impact as “NOT SIGNIFICANT”. It is assumed that broadening the exemption to all public institutions of higher education in Tennessee will not significantly decrease incarceration costs or significantly impact the caseloads of the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders.
- The Department of Correction, Administrative Office of the Courts, District Attorneys General Conference, and District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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